REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 32-38 and rejected claims 1-5, 7-14, 16-19 and 39-54 under 35 USC 102(e) and claims 20-31 under 35 USC 103. These rejections are fully traversed below.

Claims 1-19 and 39-54 have been cancelled. Thus, claims 20-38 are pending in the application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested based on the following remarks.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 102

Claims 1-5, 7-14, 16-19 and 39-54 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by *Dowling* (6,888,322).

These claims have been cancelled in order to expedite the prosecution of this case, i.e., proceed with allowed claim set. The Applicant reserves the right to re-file such claims in a continuing application.

Although cancelled, it should be noted that the Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection of these claims.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 103

Claims 20-31 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Dowling* in view of *Nason* (6,018,332).

In contrast to both references, claim 20 specifically requires, "…sampling a plurality of regions of the screen display to acquire color indicators for the plurality of regions," and further, "…changing the color of one or more regions of the housing based on the color indicators of one or more sampled regions of the screen display…" *Dowling* is completely silent to sampling and *Nason* does not cure this deficiency. Both references fail to teach or suggest sampling. The most that can be said about *Nason* is that it describes utilizing a non-display portion of a display to present a graphical user interface separately

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from the graphical user interface presented in the display portion (e.g., adding a user interface border beyond the standard screen area or presenting a user interface in the overscan). Doing something separate goes against changing the color of one or more regions based on the color indicators. Furthermore, nowhere does *Nason* teach or suggest that the screen is sampled to acquire color indicators. Again, in *Nason* the new GUI is separate from the main GUI and thus the colors appear to be separate as well. Thus, there is no reason to sample colors. The sections relied upon by the Examiner to make this rejection (col. 3, lines 41-44, col. Lines 14-15) simply do not teach or suggest sampling. Accordingly, the rejection is unsupported by the art and should be withdrawn.
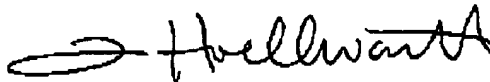
Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 32-38 have been allowed.

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SUMMARY

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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